

STATE OF ISRAEL REQUEST FOR RETURN OF ABDUCTED CHILDREN HAGUE CONVENTION OF 25 OCTOBER 1980 ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

FROM THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL TO THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Details of the children:

First Child

First and last name(s)	BF
Date of birth	May 1, 2014
Place of birth	United States
Habitual residence before removal	Miriam Hanveaa 23, Beit Shemesh, Israel
Nationality	American
Passport number	Unknown
Additional nationality	Israeli
Additional passport number	
Gender	Female
Physical description	Photo attached, see exhibit F

Second Child

First and last name(s)	MFOBIOBISH 4/201/25um
Date of birth	September 11, 2015
Place of birth	United States
Habitual residence before removal	Miriam Hanveaa 23, Beit Shemesh, Israel
Nationality	American
Passport number	Unknown
Additional nationality	Israeli
Additional passport number	
Gender	Male
Physical description	Photo attached, see exhibit F

2. Details of the Parents:

Parent one

First and last name(s)	PF
Date of birth	January 7, 1984
Place of birth	Israel
Nationality	Israeli
Passport number	
Additional nationality	American
Additional passport number	
Relationship to the children	Mother
Occupation	Rhythmic dance instructor
Habitual residence	At the time of the wrongful retention the mother lived at Miriam Hanveaa 23, Beit Shemesh, Israel, but has since moved to Ezra 39, Bnei Brak, Israel.
Telephone number	+972-58-3279438
Language(s)	Hebrew, minimum proficiency in English. Will require assistance with translation.

Parent two

First and last namc(s)	YF b
Date of birth	January 18, 1984
Place of birth	United States
Nationality	American
Passport number	
Additional nationality	Israeli
Additional passport number	Unknown
Relationship to the children	Father
Occupation	Yeshiva student
Habitual residence	Miriam Hanveaa 23, Beit Shemesh, Israel
Telephone number	+1-8454500499 = appears to not be in use now
Language(s)	Hebrew and English

November 2, 2011, Bnci Brak, Israel
Still married

3. Detail of the individual requesting the return of the children: Requesting individual

First and last name(s)	PF
Nationality	Israeli
Relationship to the child/ren	Mother
Habitual residence	Ezra 39, Bnei Brak, Israel
Telephone and mobile number	+972-58-3279438

4. Details of legal advisor both in the requesting and requested country:

Name, address and telephone	
number of legal adviser in	
requesting country	
Name, address and telephone	The mother wishes to have an attorney
number of legal adviser in requested	appointed through the Legal Aid
country	Program in the United States

5. Details of the person alleged to have retained the children:

First and last name(s)	YF
Relationship to the children	Father
Last known address after the	ROTH 306-181 UINT 304 MONSEY
retention of the children	U.S.A
Last known phone number	+184-54500499
Names and contact details of	Landline number of the house where the
persons in the requested country	children are: +184-53560062
who might be able to supply	Shimon Weinberg - the children's uncle.
additional information relating to	phone number: +184-55385656
the whereabouts of the children, and	Mendel Weinberg - the children's aunt.
the relation of such persons to the	phone number: +184-55385636
children	The phone number of the boy's
	educational institution: +184-57313725
	The phone number of the girl's
	educational institution: +184-53716900

6. Time, date, place and circumstances of the wrongful retention, based on the claims of the left-behind parent:

According to the mother, the parents agreed orally that the father could take the children for a two-week visit, to his family in the United States, during the Passover holiday in April 2023, provided that the children return in time to start school after the break, that being by 18 April 2023.

The mother claims that the father was hospitalized in the United States from 14-21 April, 2023. The mother therefore asked that the children be returned without him, however the father refused. She again requested their return after he was discharged, however he continued to refuse. She states that on 9 May, 2023, shedemanded the return of the children and stated that she would take legal action if he did not comply. The father then cut off all contact with her, and between her and the children.

7. Factual and legal background justifying this request, based on the claims of the left-behind parent:

7.1 Habitual Residence is Israel:

According to the mother, the children were born in the United States. The family immigrated to Israel in 2019, and since then have lived in Israel, where the children have been attending Israeli educational institutions and are registered in the Israeli health system.

7.2 The requesting party has Custodial Rights under Israeli Law:

Pursuant to Israel's Capacity and Guardianship Law 1962, parents are the joint guardians of their minor children, which includes the right to custody and the right to determine the children's place of residence. The mother, therefore, has custodial rights under Israeli law.

7.3 The Requesting Party exercised their Custodial Rights Prior to The Wrongful removal:

The mother states that she has been actively involved in the children's upbringing and their daily care since their birth. She has been involved in all aspects of their lives, including medical appointments, daycare, etc.

The mother therefore claims that the retention of the children in the United States, without her consent, is in contravention of her custodial rights that she was exercising at the time, and therefore constitutes a wrongful retention within the meaning of Article 3 of the Convention.

8. Civil proceedings in progress between the parties:

To the mother's knowledge there are no such proceedings.

9. Voluntary Return or Mediation:

The mother wishes to pursue voluntary return.

10. The child/ren is to be returned to:

First and last name(s)	PF b

Relationship to the child/ren	Mother
Address	Ezra 39, Bnei Brak, Israel
Telephone number	+972-58-3279438
Proposed arrangements for the	Should the court in the United States
return of the child/ren	order the return of the children to Israel
	and should the father refuse to return
	with them, the mother states that she will
	make the necessary arraignments to have
	the children returned to Israel.

11. List of Documents Attached with translations:

- a. Birth Certificates of the children.
- b. Parents' marriage certificate.
- c. Confirmation of the son's attendance in Israeli educational institutions. (The mother has not yet been able to obtain confirmation from the daughter's school).
- d. Confirmation of the children's membership with healthcare services in Israel
- e. Extracts from the Population Registry in Israel, confirming that the children have been living in Israel since 2019.
- f. Photographs of the children.
- g. Copy of sections 14 and 15 of Israel's Capacity and Guardianship Law 1962 with respect to custodial rights.
- h. Authorization pursuant to Article 28 of the Hague Convention signed by applicant.
- i. Voluntary return letter signed by the applicant.
- j. Authorization to release case information, signed by the applicant.

Signature:

Efrat Greenbeim

Efrat Greenboim, Director
Department of International Affairs
Office of the State Attorney
On behalf of the
Central Authority for the
State of Israel

Date: November 15, 2023